

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4515-01
Bill No.: HB 1844
Subject: Economic Development Dept: Funerals and Funeral Directors
Type: Original
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials with the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration (DPR)** estimate that there will be approximately 723 individuals (one per establishment) that will be required to obtain continuing education (CE) as a condition of renewal. Thereafter, it is estimated that approximately 100 individuals per year will be required to comply with the CE requirements. If the licensee population increases over time, it may be necessary to obtain additional personal service and expense and equipment appropriations.

DPR estimated a need for a .5 FTE Licensure Technician II to assist in coordinating and monitoring compliance with the CE requirements. DPR also assumed that the board would need at least one additional meeting per year to review requests for CE approval by providers and licensees. Expenses for investigations and attorney general's costs were also calculated by DPR.

Oversight assumes that costs associated with continuing education for embalmers and funeral directors can either be absorbed with existing resources or license fees can be adjusted to compensate for additional expenses.

Officials from the **Secretary of State's Office (SOS)** assumed the rules, regulations and forms issued by the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors could require as many as 14 pages in the *Code of State Regulations*. For any given rule, roughly half again as many pages are published in the *Missouri Register* as in the Code because cost statements, fiscal notes and the like are not repeated in the Code. These costs are estimated. The estimated cost of a page in the *Missouri Register* is \$23. The estimated cost of a page in the *Code of State Regulations* is \$27. The actual costs could be more or less the SOS's estimated cost of \$861 for FY 2003. The impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules, filed, amended, rescinded or withdrawn.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government

FY 2003
(10 Mo.)

FY 2004

FY 2005

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2003
(10 Mo.)

FY 2004

FY 2005

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses would be fiscally impacted due to costs associated with continuing education fees and possible time away from the business.

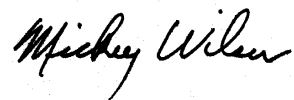
DESCRIPTION

This proposed legislation requires all persons licensed as funeral directors and embalmers to complete at least eight hours of professional development courses approved by the State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors prior to license renewal. The board, at its discretion, is authorized to exempt persons licensed prior to January 1, 2002, and those licensees not acting as funeral directors in charge. Persons holding retired licenses are exempted from professional development by the bill. The proposal contains provisions authorizing the board to develop rules for implementing professional development requirements.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development
Division of Professional Registration
Office of Secretary of State
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